

Introductory comments

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U. S. C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-14 and 19, drawn to an extrusion apparatus, classified in class 425, subclass 38.
- II. Claims 15-18, drawn to a die module, classified in class 425, subclass 190.

The Examiner suggests that I and II are related as combination and subcombination. It is alleged that the combination does not require the particulars of the subcombination, i. e., the plurality of raised surfaces, for patentability; and that the subcombination has separate utility such as for mixing fluids.

Because these inventions are distinct for the above reasons, and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes are considered by the Examiner to be proper.

Accordingly, The applicant elects the claims of group I for further prosecution in the present application. However, it is to be understood that applicant retains his right to pursue the non-elected claims of group II in a divisional application filed at a later date.

Amendment of the inventors' opinion in this application is not believed to be necessary.